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SUBJ: COTTON WORM PROBLEM

REF: CAIRO 4579 AND 4575

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY FURTHER CLARIFIED HIS APPROACH FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMBATTING THE COTTON WORM JUNE 27 BY PASSING ON REQUEST FROM MIN AGRICULTURE ZAKI THAT FOLLOWING EXPERTS BE PROVIDED TO SURVEY THE PROBLEM:

A. PROFESSOR H.T. REYNOLDS
DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AND

B. DR. LOUIS A. FALCON
DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKLEY, CALIFORNIA.

2. FAHMY ALSO HANDED ME ZAKI'S LIST OF FOLLOWING CHEMICALS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO COMBAT THE COTTON WORM AND COMPANIES FROM WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PROCURED:

A. FROM DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY-750 TONS OF DURS BAN 40.8
B. FROM SHELL 1,875 TONS OF ENDRIN/BIDRIN

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C. FROM AMERICAN CYANAMID 1,125 TONS OF CYOLANE 250.

THESE APPEAR TO BE CHEMICALS WHICH MENTIONED TO EMBOFF BY
UNDERSECRETARY, MINAGR AS REPORTED IN CAIRO 4575.

3. BEGIN FYI- WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHEMICALS ARE IN SHORT
SUPPLY AND THAT ABOVE AMOUNTS MAY REPRESENT SHORTFALLS IN
AMOUNTS WHICH GOE ASKED TO BUY AT BEGINNING OF YEAR BUT WERE
TOLD WERE NOT AVAILABLE BY THE VARIOUS COMPANIES. END FYI

4. BELIEVE WE SHOULD MOVE AS QUICKLY AS FEASIBLE TO ASCERTAIN
IF REYNOLDS AND FALCON ARE AVAILABLE FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION.
IF THEY ARE NOT, PERHAPS TWO OTHER EXPERTS MIGHT BE NAMED..
IN THE MEANTIME WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OR USDA ASCERTAINING
AVAILABILITY OF CHEMICAL SPRAYS AND IF NECESSARY USING GOOD
OFFICES WITH ABOVE-MENTIONED COMPANIES OR OTHERS TO OBTAIN
PRIORITIES FOR EGYPT FOR SALE OF THESE CHEMICALS.
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